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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method and System for Intelligently Forwarding Multicast Packets**
Inventors: Jain *et al.*
Our Ref: 1988.0110000

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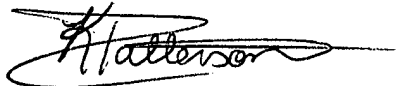
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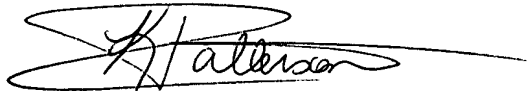
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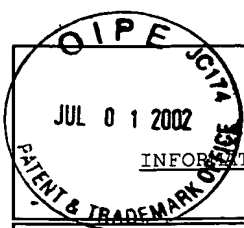
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